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NOTES OF THE SOCIETY

The Editors express their thanks to the Mergenthaler Linotype Company of New York for their courtesy in setting up, gratuitously, the paper by Dr. Furlani on a Syriac text, appearing in this Part. The Mergenthaler Company desired to present to the scholarly world a specimen of the linotype process in Oriental types. Their types include Hebrew, Arabic, Syriac (both Estranghelo and Serto), and Turkish, and they are working at a complete representation of the Hebrew, including vowel points, accents, etc.

The Annual Meeting of the Middle West Branch of the Society will be held at the Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., on February 21-22.

An organized effort is being made in this country to collect books, especially books of scholarly and scientific value, to replace the collection lost by the University of Louvain when its library was destroyed during the war. The American Oriental Society, along with other learned societies, has been asked to coöperate in the work. The Editors are very glad to call the attention of members to this most laudable undertaking, feeling sure that all of them will be glad to help in it if they can. It is suggested that many individuals and libraries will probably have duplicate copies of books, which could be donated without serious inconvenience; and some individuals may feel like contributing from their own collections books to which they might find access in other public or private libraries. Books, and inquiries on the subject, should be addressed to The Librarian, Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

NOTES OF OTHER SOCIETIES, ETC.

A Joint Session of the Royal Asiatic Society and the Société Asiatique, participated in by representatives of the American Oriental Society and the Scuola Orientale of the University of Rome, was held in London September 3-6. The members of the Société Asiatique present were MM. Senart (president), Anesaki, Bacot, Casset, Boyer, Clermont-Ganneau, Cordier, Danon, Dautremere, Finot, Gaudefroy-Demombynes, Sylvain Lévi, Massignon, Moret, Pelliot, Roeské, Sidersky, Thureau-Dangin, Mme. Le Lasseur, Mlles. Getty, Karpelès. Other Continental scholars present were Dr. Furlani (Italy), Professors Konow (Norway),

The meetings were held in both joint and separate sections. In addition to the business meetings and the several meetings devoted to social intercourse and hospitality, the following papers were read:

MR. R. CAMPBELL THOMPSON: Pictures of ancient Mesopotamia.

Director Wm. H. Worrell and Prof. A. T. Clay, of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem, sailed for Europe in July. In London they were in active conference with the representatives of the new British School of Archaeology in Palestine and other scholars interested in Oriental archaeology. As a result of these negotiations a concordat was drawn up by

the representatives of the two Schools, proposing the closest coöperation possible in archaeological endeavors, and combination in certain particulars of work, at the same time leaving the identity of the institutions undisturbed. This plan was referred to the Executive Committee of the American School, which in October ratified it. Certain French scholars, present at the meeting of the Joint Oriental Societies, also took part in these negotiations, namely MM. Senart and Sylvain Lévi, and later Professor Clay had a conference with these and other French orientologists in Paris, with the result that the French are considering the establishment of a School in Palestine which will also participate in the above arrangement. Plans for a joint British and American School at Bagdad were also favorably considered.

Director Worrell reached Jerusalem October 7, and Professor Clay expected soon to join him. Dr. W. F. Albright, Fellow of the School, sailed for the Mediterranean November 7, and the Rev. Dr. Peters expected to reach Jerusalem by the end of November. He will serve as a Lecturer in the School.

The staff of the British School consists of Prof. J. Garstang, Director; Mr. Phythian-Adams, his assistant; Mr. C. Leonard Woolley, curator of the museum; and Mr. Makay, the British Inspector of Antiquities.

PERSONALIA

PROFESSOR ERNST WINDISCH, of the University of Leipzig, an Honorary Member of this Society, died on October 30, 1918. On account of the war, news of his death only recently reached this country.

PROFESSOR LEONARD W. KING, of the British Museum and King's College, London, and an Honorary Member of this Society, died on August 20, 1919.

MRS. JAMES B. NIES, of Brooklyn, a Life Member of this Society and a generous contributor to its causes, died on September 16, 1919. Her intention to contribute \$50,000 for a building for the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem will be carried out by her husband and executor, the Rev. Dr. Nies.